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TO: SAC, CINCINNATI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)
SUBJECT: MURKIN ✓
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OO MEMPHIS

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two copies of a letter postmarked East Palestine, Ohio, 4/18/68, received by the Memphis Office 4/19/68.

Said letter indicates [REDACTED] East Palestine, Ohio, may have information concerning this case.

LEAD

CINCINNATI

AT EAST PALESTINE, OHIO

Will contact [REDACTED] concerning information said person may have concerning this matter.

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2 - Memphis
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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND
FROM *hm* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis airtel to Cincinnati 4/22/68, enclosed herewith.

Reairtel, with enclosures, inadvertently sent Cincinnati Division by Memphis, as East Palestine, Ohio, covered by Cleveland Division.

Cleveland handle.

- ② - Cleveland (Encs. 4)
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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Date: 4/25/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO INDIANAPOLIS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYFIVE
INSTANT.

SPRINGFIELD ADVISED THAT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE FORMERLY KNEW
JAMES EARL RAY, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN HIM IN APPROXIMATELY
SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RAY WAS CONFINED
TO THE JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, PENITENTIARY, WITH ONE

[REDACTED] HE BELIEVED IN SIXTYTHREE OR SIXTYFOUR.
[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] SUPPOSEDLY IN PRISON AFTER CONVICTION
IN CLEVELAND FOR WHITE SLAVERY.

USM OFFICE OFFICE, CLEVELAND, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY INCARCERATED UNITED STATES
FEDERAL PENITENTIARY, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS AT TERRE HAUTE WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CON-
CERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING

JAMES EARL RAY. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. AIRMAIL COPY SPRING-
FIELD.

END.

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1 - Springfield (AM)

ARMED & DANGEROUS
44-565-243

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent

12:16

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Per

[Signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : SPC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

At approximately 3:30 am above date a [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office and relayed the following information.

[REDACTED] advised that he was formerly employed as a Security Guard for Security Systems working at Borg-Warner Cryogenic which is located on Sheppard Rd. in Perry, Ohio. [REDACTED] advised that presently working at the same company is an individual by the name of [REDACTED] who is also a Security Guard. [REDACTED] advised that one time when he was working for the company he had cause to relieve [REDACTED] during the course of his duties and therefore spoke with [REDACTED] for about ten minutes.

[REDACTED] stated that he just observed a picture of JAMES EARL RAY in a magazine and feels that [REDACTED] very much resembles RAY except that [REDACTED] has very curly hair.

[REDACTED] gave the following description of [REDACTED] as being approximately 5ft 7 to 5ft. 8 inches tall 180 lbs. black curly hair and spoke with a southern accent. [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] was in Alabama for a couple of days last week.

[REDACTED] advised that the person to contact re [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who is in charge of plant security at Borg-Warner Cryogenic. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] in Austinburg, Ohio telephone number [REDACTED] home address unknown.

[REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] told him that he is going south on the 28th of this month. [REDACTED] requested that this office keep his name confidential.

~~XXXX~~ Indices reveals numerous refs re [REDACTED] but writer at present time is unable to determine if any are ident and due to lack of first name of [REDACTED] which caller didn't know, writer is unable to determine if anything is ident with him.

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*Let's determine if
Kreger has prints*

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TO CINCINNATI

FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 2P

RECORDS OF THE CLEVELAND CREDIT BUREAU REFLECT THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE JAMES E. RAY, RESIDENCE

PREVIOUS ADDRESS

RECORDS
HAVE NOTATION THAT ON NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST GMAC, FAIRBORN,
OHIO, REPORTED ABOVE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN DEFAULT ON A LOAN OF
EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTYTHREE DOLLARS WITH BALANCE OF FIVE
HUNDRED TWENTYTHREE DOLLARS AT THAT TIME. NO OTHER INFOR-
MATION CONTAINED IN CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN AREA OF
FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION
IN CONNECTION WITH JAMES E. RAY AT THIS ADDRESS.

CINCINNATI AT FAIRBORN, OHIO, WILL CHECK RECORDS GMAC
CONCERNING JAMES E. RAY, AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND

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1 - Memphis (AM)

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Via **CV 44-565** _____
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ELIMINATE IN ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM : SA A. JAMES ANDERSON, JR.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/25/68

Re previous investigation conducted at Mansfield, Ohio in regard to [REDACTED]

On 4/10/68, Captain [REDACTED] Mansfield, Ohio PD, advised SA [REDACTED] that his department received a telephone message from the Ohio BCI, London, Ohio, that on 6/9/67, the Secret Service placed a stop with BCI against [REDACTED] wanting him for questioning in view of past threats he made upon the life of the President of the United States. The FBI number of [REDACTED] agreed with that of the Identification Division of this bureau. No other details were available.

This information was immediately furnished SA [REDACTED] by telephone who was to inform Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, in regard to [REDACTED] probable location as determined from him during prior interview.

On 4/10/68, SA [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] U.S. Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, of pertinent information regarding [REDACTED] as developed by FBI interview and as to his probable location and expected itinerary. He was also furnished photographs of [REDACTED] as taken on the day of FBI interview at Mansfield, Ohio.

Captain [REDACTED] and Lt. [REDACTED] Mansfield PD, were subsequently informed on 4/10/68 that Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio, had been notified regarding this incident.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : All Investigative Employees

DATE: April 22, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #4182; W.F. #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
RELEASE DATE: SATURDAY P.M., APRIL 20, 1968

THE CRIMES: Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1967, while serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. He subsequently allegedly conspired, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, to violate the civil rights of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel on April 4, 1968.

THE CRIMINAL: A 40-year-old white native of Illinois, who is known as a "loner" and "drifter" and has taken elaborate steps to establish a false identity, Ray has an extensive criminal record, including convictions for burglary, robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders. Outstanding characteristics include a straight narrow nose, straight and even teeth, a noticeably protruding left ear and a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe. He has taken dancing lessons, attended bartending school, enrolled in a correspondence course in locksmithing and traveled widely in a 1966 Mustang recovered in Atlanta, Georgia, a week after Dr. King's murder. Ray likes western and country music, drinks vodka and beer and has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

PROCESS: A Federal warrant issued at Jefferson City, Missouri, on July 20, 1967, charges Ray with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement for robbery. Another Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, as Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen.

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES": Ray is a special addition to the list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." The list as of Saturday p. m., April 20, 1968, was:

John William Clouser	I.O. #3837	Charles Lee Herron	I.O. #4163
Howard Callens Johnson	I.O. #4039	George Edward Wells	I.O. #4175
George Benjamin Williams	I.O. #4072	David Evans	I.O. #4177
Gordon Dale Ervin	I.O. #4087	Franklin Allen Paris	I.O. #4178
Carmen Raymond Gagliardi	I.O. #4101	David Stuart Neff	I.O. #4179
	James Earl Ray	I.O. #4182	

THEY ARE ALL ARMED AND DANGEROUS. If you receive any information, give it at once to your SAC or appropriate supervisor.
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF ALL FUGITIVES ON THE LIST ARE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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DAVID EVANS, also known as:
"Pee Wee."
N; born [redacted] 5'7"-5'8"; 140-150 lbs;
med bld; blk hair; brn eyes; lt comp;
occ - lab, upholsterer. Wanted by FBI
for BANK ROBBERY and UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary, Larceny,
and Receiving Stolen Goods).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4177
FBI#-388 901 E
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966

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CHARLES LEE HERRON, also known as:
Lee Jones.
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'7"-5'8"; 145-
150 lbs; sldr bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
dk comp; ooc - clerk. Wanted by FBI
for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECU-
TION (Murder; Assault with Intent to
Commit Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4163
FBI#-313 926 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: UNKNOWN

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GEORGE EDWARD WELLS, also known as:
George W. Cox, Lloyd Kuczmarski.
W; born [redacted] 5'6"; 165-175 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr; brn eyes; med
comp; ooc - maintenance worker, painter.
Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO
AVOID PROSECUTION (Armed Robbery);
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4175
FBI#-1 457 173
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1967

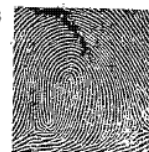
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CARMEN RAYMOND GAGLIARDI, also known as: 17 M 29 W IOM
Carmelo Raimondo Gagliardi (true name), I 32 U OOI 20
Carmen R. Gagliardi.
W; born [redacted] 5'10 1/2"; 185-200 lbs;
hvy bld; blk hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - lab. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4101
FBI#-566 944 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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GEORGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, 23 M 21 W IMO AMP Ref: 22
also known as: Allen- I 31 W OOO 19 31
Benjamin Golby, Ben Jackson,
George Benjamin Williams.
W; born [redacted] 5'6"; 155 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, gr, balding;
bl eyes; rdy comp; rt ring fnger
amp; ooc - constr worker, dairy
worker, mech, miner, pipe fitter.
Wanted by FBI for BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4072
FBI#-497 062
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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JAMES EARL RAY, also known as:
Eric Starvo Galt, W. O. Herron,
Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride,
John Willard, "Jim."
W; born 3-10-28; 5'10"; 163-174 lbs;
med bld; brn hair, poss cut short; bl
eyes; med comp; ooc - baker, color matcher.
lab. Wanted by FBI for CONSPIRING TO
INTERFERE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF
A CITIZEN AND UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4182
FBI#-405 942 G
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1968



FRANKLIN ALLEN PARIS, also known as: P11 MLM
Franklin Allen Morrison, Al Paris, MLM
Allie Paris, Frank Allen Paris, 11 8 1 U OOO 14 Ref: 9
Franklin Allen Paris. M 1 U OOI 12 1
W; born [redacted] 6'2"; 190-210 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trader, horse trainer,
rancher. Wanted by FBI for UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (Burglary).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4178
FBI#-595 084 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1966



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HOWARD CALLENS JOHNSON, also known as: P11 W
"Dirty Red." W
N; born [redacted] (?); 5'9"; 160-170
lbs; med bld; blk hair; brn eyes;
med comp, freckled; ooc - brickmason,
carpenter, lab. Wanted by FBI for
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION
(Murder).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4039
FBI#-1 501 726
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1959



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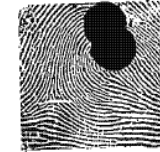
JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, also known as: P11 MML
Jack Clauser, John William Clauser, MML
Chuck A. Williams. 25 L 1 R OOO 8
W; born [redacted] 5'9"; 175-200 lbs;
stky bld; blond hair, may be dyed blk;
bl eyes; rdy comp; ooc - clerical
worker, stock clerk. Wanted by FBI
for INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-3837
FBI#-229 125 C
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1963



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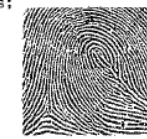
GORDON DALE ERVIN, also known as: P11 17 I 31 W III 10
Dale Ervin. I 26 R OMM 9
W; born [redacted] 5'11"-6'0"; 170 lbs;
med bld; brn hair; bl eyes; med comp;
occ - carpenter, lifeguard, mach shop
worker, locomotive fireman, salesman,
shipyard worker, typist. Wanted by
FBI for UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
CONFINEMENT (Armed Robbery).
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4087
FBI#-290 533 A
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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DAVID STUART NEFF, also known as: P11 LL
Steven Andrews, Solomon Baker, Steven LL
Greene, George Medina, David J. Neff, 19 0 17 W IOO 18
David Stewart Neff, Donald O'Brien. L 19 W OOO 16
W; born [redacted] 5'8"-5'9"; 190-200 lbs;
hvy bld; brn hair; brn eyes; med comp;
occ - horse trainer, lab, painter,
plumber, surveyor. Wanted by FBI for
BANK ROBBERY.
IDENTIFICATION ORDER #-4179
FBI#-524 874 D
DATE PHOTO TAKEN: 1965



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known as
Eric Starvo Galt, Harvey Lowmyer,
John Willard, James McBride, James
Walton, W. C. Herron and James
O'Conner

FUGITIVE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ARMED ROBBERY

"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM

James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, felled the victim.

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while serving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

Ray, who has an arrest record dating back to 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders, has also been confined in the Los Angeles County Jail, the Joliet and Pontiac, Illinois, State Prisons and the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

He served in the Army between February, 1946, and December, 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [] He is approximately 5'10" inches tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair which he has worn cut short. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose and straight and even teeth and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

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Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

He is known as an avid dancer who has taken dancing lessons. He also completed a course at a school of bartending in the Los Angeles area early in 1968.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 20, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

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An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom FBI wanted notices have been posted determined that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Ray, who escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery.

Possessing an arrest record dating back to 1949, Ray has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging United States Postal Money Orders.

A 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois on [redacted] Ray is approximately 5'10" tall, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and short brown hair. He has a nervous habit of tugging at an ear lobe and his left ear protrudes noticeably.

Described as a "loner and "drifter," with a "rural" quality in his speech, Ray has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher. He has taken dancing lessons and completed a course at a school of bartending.

Consider Ray armed and extremely dangerous. Report any information concerning him to the nearest FBI office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] JR.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: MISCELLANEOUS

Re Memo of Clerk [REDACTED], 4/18/68.

On April 19, 1968, Miss [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Cleveland, telephone number [REDACTED]
was contacted at her place of employment at the Rea
Express Office, [REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio.

She stated that working in this capacity, as
a clerk-receptionist, she was in the Rea Express Office
at about 12:15 p.m., on April 18, 1968, when a man
came into the office requesting employment. She pointed
out that as a rule the employment officer, [REDACTED]
does his hiring after 1:30 p.m., each day. She stated
that when this individual came into the office asking for
a job, she was alone and told him that he should come back
to the office to be interviewed by [REDACTED], at
1:30 p.m. She stated this individual, however, never returned
and she has not seen him again.

She pointed out that after observing this individual
and then having seen the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT,
who is a suspect in the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
She thought there was some resemblance.

She described this individual as being a white male,
about 35-40 years of age, 5'9"-11" tall, approximately 180
pounds and having dark hair. Photographs of ERIC STARVO
GALT, suspect in this case were exhibited to [REDACTED]
and she said on viewing this picture there was a certain
resemblance to the picture with the eyes drawn in by an
artist. She pointed out, however, that the hairline of
the individual who came into her office was not the same
as that in the photograph. She could not be sure that

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they were one in the same person and in fact stated that while she could identify this person again should she come into her office she could not definitely state that he was identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

FBI CLEVELAND

FBI SPRNGFLD

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TO CLEVELAND

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN. CR.

ON APRIL TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE FORMERLY KNEW JAMES EARL RAY, BUT HAS NOT SEEN HIM IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT

YEARS. INFORMANT RECALLED THAT RAY WAS CONFINED TO THE JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI PENITENTIARY WITH ONE [REDACTED]

HE BELIEVED IN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE AND NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR.

INFORMANT SAID [REDACTED] IS SUPPOSEDLY IN PRISON, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN, AFTER BEING CONVICTED IN CLEVELAND FOR WHITE SLAVE.

*U.S.M. Ron Host
Tome Haute
(U.S.)
and.*

CLEVELAND WILL CONTACT UNITED STATES MARSHAL TO DETERMINE WHERE [REDACTED] INCARCERATED AND SET OUT LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED CONCERNING RAY.

END

LJL

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1207AM URGENT 4-26-68 AJL

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND AND MEMPHIS
FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN. CR.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE 4-25-LAST AND
LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO LOUISVILLE 4-25-LAST.

FOR INFORMATION CLEVELAND BUREAU ADVISED LOUISVILLE TODAY BY
TELEPHONE THAT CRIME RECORDS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DAVID KRESLOW
THE WASHINGTON NEWS EDITOR OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER,
TO THE EFFECT THAT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN LOS ANGELES, AN
EX-CONVICT WHO STILL HAS CONTACTS AMONG THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT, HAD
INFORMED TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS SOURCES INDICATE THAT SUBJECT RAY IS
CURRENTLY LIVING UNDER THE NAME OF CLAUDE COFFEY AT ONE THREE FOUR MANN
STREET, APARTMENT H, GREENUP, KENTUCKY.

LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED THAT CHICK GALLOWAY, CITY DESK,
"LOS ANGELES TIMES", ADVISED THAT CALL RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS MALE
APRIL TWENTY FOUR LAST, STATING THAT JAMES EARL RAY PRESENTLY
RESIDING ONE THREE FOUR MANN STREET, APARTMENT H, GREENUP, KENTUCKY.
ANONYMOUS MALE STATED APARTMENT RENTED IN NAME OF CLAUDE COFFEY.
ANONYMOUS MALE STATED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE IN A
BACKROOM, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. GALLOWAY STATED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL
APPEARED ARTICULATE AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE INEBRIATED. WHEN ATTEMPT
MADE TO OBTAIN NAME AND ADDRESS, ANONYMOUS CALLER LAUGHED.

END PAGE ONE

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Makoli 4-26-68*

*Makoli advised
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both leads*

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CONTINUED INVESTIGATION IN RURAL GREENUP COUNTY, KENTUCKY
DISCLOSED A NEW ONE STREET AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT LLOYD , KENTUCKY,
KNOWN AS MANN ADDITION. INVESTIGATION THAT AREA DEVELOPED [REDACTED]
ONE THREE FOUR H STREET, MANN ADDITION, LLOYD, KY. THIS IS A ONE STORY
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING OCCUPIED ONLY BY [REDACTED] HAS
SON-IN-LAW [REDACTED] WHO IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYEED BY GALLION
IRON WORKS, MANUFACTURERS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT., BUCYRUS, OHIO. HE
HAS BEEN SO EMPLOYED FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS DURING WHICH TIME HE HAS
RESIDED IN THE AREA WITH HIS WIFE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FLASH BRANCH ROAD, LLOYD, KY. ADVISED HIS SON IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] PRESENT ADDRESS ROUTE FIVE, UPPER PII
SANDUSKY, OHIO. TO REACH [REDACTED] HOUSE FROM UPPER SANDUSKY, TAKE
ROUTE SIX SEVEN TO MARSELLES, TURN OFF OF ROUTE SIX SEVEN ONTO ROUTE
THREE SEVEN, CROSS SMALL BRIDGE, TAKE FIRST ROAD TO RIGHT, WHICH IS
COUNTY ROAD NINE SIX. [REDACTED] ESIDES FIRST GREEN HOUSE ON RIGHT.
[REDACTED] SERVED TWO ENLISTMENTS IN U. S. ARMY ASN AND DISCHARGE DATE
NOT AVAILABLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED HIS SON HAS NO CRIMINAL RECORD AND
HAS RESIDED IN THE BUCYRUS, UPPER SANDUSKY AREA FOR PAST TWO YEARS
AND HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY EMPLOYEED IN THAT AREA. LAST VISITED HOME
CHRISTMAS NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. PHOTO OF [REDACTED] DOES NOT RESEMBLE
SUBJECT.

CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE
END PAGE TWO

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WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. SUTEL BUREAU IF ELIMINATED.
CONTACT BUREAU BY TELEPHONE IF COFFEY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

EMD

CORR PLS. PAGE TWO LINE SIX WORD SIX SHD BE COFFEY.

ENDMJB

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1238PM URGENT 4/25/68 BLE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), CHICAGO (44-1114),
NEW HAVEN, CLEVELAND, AND PHOENIX
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1893) 2P

MURKIN

RE CG TEL, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

RE ADVERTISING - SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY.

RETEL REQUESTED CINCINNATI TO REVIEW SUBSCRIBERS OF MODERN
PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE, TWO ONE SIX ZERO PATTERSON STREET RE GALT
AND ALIASES SET FORTH RETEL.

ON APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, TWENTY-FIVE, SIXTY-EIGHT, ROBERT
BRIDGES, DATA PROCESSER, ABOVE MAGAZINE, COMPLETED REVIEW OF
SUBSCRIBERS RE ABOVE ALIASES AND ADDITIONALLY THE NAME JAMES EARL
RAY AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING POSSIBLES ONLY:

JOHN C. WILLARD, FORTY-NINE BROAD STREET, WETHERSFIELD, CON-
NECTICUT.

JAMES RAY, TWO FOUR NINE ZERO LEE BOULEVARD, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS,
OHIO.

JAMES RAY, ONE SIX TWO S. LAZONA DRIVE, MESA, ARIZONA.

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NEW HAVEN, CLEVELAND, AND PHOENIX WILL IDENTIFY ABOVE
SUBSCRIBERS.

MAKE NO MENTION INQUIRIES CONCERNING CAPTIONED
MATTER.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

LJL

FBI CLEVELAND

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4/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: [REDACTED]

On 4/22/68, one [REDACTED] telephonically contacted this office and advised that she had observed a male resembling subject RAY in the parking lot at the Fulton Shopping Center. She stated at the time he was sitting on the passenger side of a 1966 blue Cadillac, bearing Missouri license plates starting with PS 6. She stated she could not recall the other numerals of the plate.

It is requested that Kansas City check State Bureau of Motor Vehicles to identify all Missouri Cadillacs with licenses starting with PS 6. Advise Cleveland and OO and set out appropriate leads.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

- 2 - Kansas City
- 1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
- ② - Cleveland

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AIR TEL

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED] JR.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Re Bureau tel to all offices re a check of logical laundries in this matter.

On 4/10/68 and 4/11/68, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted all logical laundries and dry cleaners within the entire territory of the Mansfield RA with negative results

Also on 4/10/68, the above agents furthermore made a check of city and telephone directories, financial institutions and credit and criminal checks regarding suspect GALT under that name and all known aliases. This also was negative.

Contact has been had with police officials on the above and on numerous other dates and no information of value has been developed to date.

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

[REDACTED]

Character of case

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Complainant

[REDACTED]

Complaint received

☐ Personal

☒ Telephonic

Date

4-23-68 9:00 AM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

APT. #231 or 213
4211 FULTON PARKWAY (351-7802)

Subject's Description

Race

Sex

Height

Hair

Build

Birth date and Birthplace

Age

☐ Male

☐ Female

Weight

Eyes

Complexion

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

[REDACTED] (slightly nervous, as she couldn't recall correct apt. #) stated that at 11:20 AM, 4-22-68, she saw ^{male resembling} RAY at the Fulton Shopping Center in a 1966 blue Cadillac bearing Missouri license plates PS 6 (other numbers not determined.)

Subj. sitting on passenger side and as [REDACTED] stared at him, he slouched in the seat.

[REDACTED] has diagram which she drew re exact location.

Harold A. Jankke
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Action Recommended

(Agent)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On April 19, 1968 [REDACTED] Miller Drug Store, 13112 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, telephonically advised that a male resembling ERIC STARVO GALT had been frequenting Miller Drug Store.

On Saturday, April 20, 1968, [REDACTED] was interviewed at Miller Drug Store. She advised that an individual who resembled the photograph she observed in the Cleveland newspaper of ERIC STARVO GALT had been coming into the drug store ever since Friday, April 6. She stated he was first observed at approximately six or seven P.M. on April 6. [REDACTED] advised that this individual would come in, sit at the soda fountain, and drink soft drinks for a prolonged period of time. She stated that he would read books and be making notes from these books. [REDACTED] stated that another employee, [REDACTED] had waited on him several times and would be able to furnish additional information.

[REDACTED] advised that she first recalled the unknown male come into Miller Drug Store on Friday, April 6, 1968 around 7:00 P.M. She stated that he has been coming in frequently since that period of time. She stated that he appears to be a very nervous individual and at one time, had mentioned that he had come to Cleveland to visit his sister, but that his sister had departed prior to his arrival, and had gone to New York. He stated that he was waiting around for her return.

[REDACTED] stated that this individual would

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occasionally make comments concerning some portions of murder mysteries he was reading. She advised that on April 10, 1968, the day after the funeral service for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING in Atlanta, this individual was in the store in the early evening at which time Mayor STOKES came into the store. She stated that this individual went right up to Mayor STOKES, shook his hand, and then continued out of the store.

[REDACTED] advised that Mayor STOKES makes frequent stops at Miller Drug Store, usually in the early evening. She advised that the unknown male had been in the store on the next two or possibly three occasions when Mayor STOKES had been in Miller Drug Store.

[REDACTED] stated that this unknown male was in the store on Friday, April 19, 1968 for about an hour to an hour and a half at which time she stated he advised that he was going to return to California.

[REDACTED] viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that there was a resemblance, although she could not positively state that was the man.

[REDACTED] pharmacist, Miller Drug Store, advised on April 22, 1968 that he had seen the individual that [REDACTED] had referred to and described him as strictly "a kook". [REDACTED] stated that in his mind there was a slight resemblance between the unknown male and photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, although he stated that in his opinion the unknown male was definitely not JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that the unknown male appeared older than the photographs of RAY as well as other discrepancies noted.

It is to be noted that on April 20, 1968 Assistant City Director RICHARD MC KEAN, City of Cleveland, was notified of the unknown male who resembled GALT frequenting Miller Drug Store during

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the time that the store had been frequented by Mayor STOKES. MC KEAN was advised that this information was being furnished him for the security of Mayor STOKES.

On Monday, April 22, 1968 SAC CHARLES G. CUSICK and SA [REDACTED], at the request of City Director MC KEAN, conferred with Mayor STOKES and Safety Director MC MANOMAN concerning this matter and furnished him complete information concerning this incident.

The employees of Miller Drug Store were specifically requested to immediately notify the FBI Office should this individual return there, inasmuch as it was his pattern in the past to visit this store between 6:00 and 9:00 P.M. Agents were assigned standby duty so that they would be available to immediately proceed to the Drug Store if such a call was received.

To date, this individual has not been observed returning to Miller Drug Store.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO:MEMPHIS

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, dated 4/11/68;
telephone call of SA [REDACTED] to Toledo Resident
Agency, dated 4/23/68.

On April 10, 1968, April 11, 1968, all of the
laundries in the Toledo Resident Agency were contacted
by various agents. It was noted at this time that there
were only three laundries in the Toledo area that used
the Thermo-Seal marking machine. These laundries are
as follows:

The Star Laundry (Antone's)
3180 Bellvue

The Toledo Laundry and Dry Cleaning
2129 Ashland

The Middlesex Cleaners
3403 Dorr Street

[REDACTED] Star Laundry, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the Toledo Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company and
[REDACTED] of the Middlesex Cleaners, each advised
on April 23, 1968, that they did not use the following code:

20R-3

written on a yellow tag

[REDACTED] advised that they used a yellow
tag and it was possible that they would use the following
number 20-R-3, however, they would not use such a tag on
bed clothing such as pillow cases and bed sheets but would
use this strictly on shirts, trousers and on rare occasions,
underclothing, but not on bed clothing.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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TO : SAC CLEVELAND (137-2295)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA BRUCE L. KREIGHBAUM

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: CV 737-PC

Dates of Contact

4/6/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

~~(44-565)~~

RM-AKRON R/A(157-222)

Purpose and results of contact

- ☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Source advised of Buinterest in RM and [REDACTED] Source in possession of no info of value to either above matters. However, will remain alert to any pertinent developments, and advised.

☐ Informant certified that he has
/furnished all information obtained
by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC Cleveland (137-2011)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☒ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact 4/5/68 4/5, 25/68		
Titles and File #s on which contacted [REDACTED] (44-565) RM-AKRON R/A (157-222)		
Purpose and results of contact ☐ NEGATIVE ☒ POSITIVE ☐ STATISTIC [REDACTED] who operates a hotel in the heart of one of the Akron ghetto areas, advised that there is no planned, organized action contemplated in the area, although there are youths who have voiced unrest. In the main, the pimps and prostitutes, bar customers residents of the area have little interest in fostering riots in the area. Conversations with the residents of the area by source has failed to develop any information re [REDACTED].		
☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating EXCELLENT	Coverage SAME
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM : SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR.

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/26/68

Re serial 44-565-159.

Above referenced complainant, [REDACTED] Parma, advised that on April 14, 1968, while driving on the Ohio Turnpike, he picked up a male resembling GALT. He stated that he drove this individual to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, dropping him off at 2:50 P.M.

This information was received on April 18, 1968.

On April 19, 1968, Patrolman [REDACTED] Badge [REDACTED], assigned to the Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Hopkins Airport Detail, was furnished a photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT and he advised that the Cleveland Hopkins Detail had been aware of the photograph of GALT, but neither he nor other members of this detail have recalled seeing any individual resembling GALT.

It is to be noted that wanted fliers with photographs of GALT have been issued to the various airlines in the Cleveland area with the request that any information coming to their attention of individuals resembling or believed to be the subject, should be furnished immediately to the FBI.

On April 23, 1968 the wanted flier and IO of JAMES EARL RAY was furnished to Sergeant [REDACTED] at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, and Sergeant [REDACTED] advised that he would make this information available to all members of the detail.

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It is to be noted further that a wanted flier with the latest pictures of JAMES EARL RAY were also furnished to [REDACTED], Manager of Air Canada, the only airline serving outside the continental limits of the United States from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport on direct flights.

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FBI CHICAGO

3:44 PM URGENT 426/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND CLEVELAND
(44-565).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

RE THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ON SEPTEMBER SIX, SIXTY SIX, [REDACTED], AKA
[REDACTED], TELEPHONE CHICAGO FBI OFFICE GIVING HIS
RESIDENCE AS [REDACTED] CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD MET A WHITE FEMALE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (PH), IN THE JOSEPHINE FIVE-STEP IN, CHICAGO, WHO TOOK
HIM TO A "NAZI" MEETING. AT THIS MEETING HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
SHOOT KING IN RETURN FOR HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY. HE CLAIMED
HE WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

INVESTIGATION NOW UNDERTAKEN BY CHICAGO TO DETERMINE WHETHER
CREAMER COULD BE A CONSPIRATOR IN MURKIN.

ALL INVESTIGATION LAST TWO DAYS TO LOCATE AT CHICAGO NEGATIVE.

RECORDS STEWART-WARNER COMPANY REVEAL [REDACTED]

WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT
LIMA, OHIO, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE THIRTY SEVEN POUNDS,
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BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, SSN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED], EMPLOYED VARIOUS DATES
SIXTY THREE THROUGH APRIL TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN,
LAST WHEN TERMINATED FOR ABSENTEEISM.

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CLEVELAND. WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT NINETEEN SIXTY
FIVE ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] FREMONT,
OHIO. IF LOCATED, DETERMINE WHETHER ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT
AND DETERMINE [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS DURING MARCH AND
APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT. IF NOT LOCATED, SUTEL LEADS TO LOCATE AND
INTERVIEW.

CHICAGO CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

LJL

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317PM EST URGENT 4/26/68 JAH

TO CLEVELAND

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING SUBJECT SEEN AT HARRISON'S RESTAURANT,
METROPOLIS, ILL. NIGHT OF APR. TWENTYFIVE LAST AND LEFT RESTAURANT
ACCOMPANIED BY MAN AND WOMAN IN SIXTYEIGHT WHITE FORD GALAXIE,
DOOR HARDTOP KY. LICENSE
FOUR ~~HAG A S DS~~ *SE* FIVE FIVE NINE-FIVE ONE ONE,
REGISTERED TO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, THREE SEVEN ZERO W.
MARKET, AKRON, OHIO. ATTEMPTS TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE
LEASED TO NEGATIVE.

CLEVELAND AT AKRON CONTACT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, THREE
SEVEN ZERO W. MARKET, AND DETERMINE IDENTITY OF PERSON INSTANT
VEHICLE LEASED TO AND SUTEL. AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS AND SPRINGFIELD.
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CORR PARA ONE LINE FOUR SHD BE FOOOR DOOR HARDTOP KY. LICENSE...

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R. Peterson
C. to M. Conner

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
AND ALL CONTINENTAL OFFICES

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

[REDACTED]

OO: Memphis

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of photograph of subject JAMES EARL RAY, which was taken 1/4/66 at Missouri State Penitentiary.

Two copies of above-mentioned photograph are enclosed for each of the Continental Offices.

This additional photograph is being furnished, inasmuch as resemblance is quite different from previous photographs furnished, and it may be helpful in aiding sources to identify subject.

Also, it is to be noted that [REDACTED] has been located and interviewed in this matter.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)
2-Each Continental Office (Enc. 2 each) *Redo*
2-Kansas City *Cleveland*
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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *[Signature]*

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FBI WASH DC

1235PM URGENT 4/26/68 CAB

TO CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 2P

[REDACTED], OO:MEMPHIS.

A REVIEW OF THE FILE ON KING'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO HIS DEATH NOTED THE FOLLOWING THREATS:

YOUR OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE TO ATLANTA FIVE TWENTYSIX SIXTYONE, THAT [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS A NEGRO, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED YOUR OFFICE HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A FRIEND, WHO IS WHITE, THAT HE HAD KNOWN IN SERVICE, THAT HIS FRIEND KNEW FOR A FACT OF A PLOT TO KILL KING. [REDACTED] FRIEND REPORTEDLY CALLED HIM FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND [REDACTED] SAID HE PROMISED NOT TO DISCLOSE HIS FRIEND'S IDENTITY.

BY RADIOGRAM TO THE BUREAU THREE EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR, YOU FURNISHED INFORMATION FROM DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CANTON, OHIO THAT ONE FRANK G. NILES HAD ASKED ROSS WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN A SNIPER'S RIFLE. NILES ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD

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Hendel Mary

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PREVENT INTEGRATION.

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT,
YOU SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE
ABOVE MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR..

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

COPIES MAILED TO MEMPHIS.

END

LJL

FBI CLEVELAND

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM : SA MARTIN P. MC CANN, JR.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/26/68

Mrs. [REDACTED] 2775 South Park Boulevard, on April 12, 1968, telephonically advised that she might have information concerning the individual believed to have committed the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. She advised that this individual shows some resemblance to the artist's conception that appeared in the Cleveland papers following the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[REDACTED] were contacted at their residence, [REDACTED] Shaker Heights, telephone number [REDACTED] stated that the conversation concerning the individual who resembled the individual who assassinated KING, had taken place a couple of nights previous to his wife calling the FBI. He stated that the individual he had in mind was an individual by the name of [REDACTED]. He stated that he had met [REDACTED] who was a friend of one of his employees. He stated that he had not seen [REDACTED] since approximately 1960. He advised that [REDACTED] was a drifter and that he had expressed more or less fascist ideas. He stated that his wife had called [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] in an attempt to find out where [REDACTED] was, but when his sister or mother had answered the phone, stated he was in California.

[REDACTED] stated that he would describe [REDACTED] as volatile, who is anti-society, and it was his understanding that [REDACTED] had been in the Army during which period of time he had attacked an officer for which he had been sentenced by a court martial to serve time. He stated that he believed [REDACTED] had attended Lakewood High School.

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[REDACTED], was contacted at which time she advised that her son, [REDACTED] was usually on the move, and that she had not heard from him for several years.

In view of the background information concerning JAMES EARL RAY, it is apparent that this individual is not identical. No additional investigation being conducted.

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TO CLEVELAND (44-565)

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 1P

[REDACTED], OO: MEMPHIS

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE THIS DATE,

VIN IN RETEL REGARDING WHITE SIXTYEIGHT FORD GALAXIE IS
EIGHT W FIVE SIX F ONE THREE EIGHT THREE NINE ONE.

SUTEL TO WHOM DELIVERED. AM COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND, APRIL TWENTYSIX,
INSTANT.

ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, MR. DUTCH FOLK, OWNER OF DUTCH FOLK, INC., THREE SEVEN ZERO WEST MARKET STREET, AKRON, OHIO, ADVISED HIS COMPANY IS AGENT FOR TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, MAIN OFFICE, NEW YORK CITY. HE STATED IF LICENSE AND AUTOMOBILE DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS REGISTERED TO TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, AKRON, OHIO, IT INDICATES HIS COMPANY DELIVERED THAT CAR TO ANOTHER AGENT OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES SOMEWHERE IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY. MR. FOLK ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE NO RECORD OF THE KENTUCKY LICENSE IN HIS OFFICE BUT IF HE HAD THE VIN OF THE CAR HE COULD TELL WHERE IN KENTUCKY IT WAS DELIVERED. VIN SHOULD BE ON LICENSE APPLICATION ON FILE IN THE KENTUCKY STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU.

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LOUISVILLE CONTACT KENTUCKY STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU.
RE LICENSE NUMBER IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, OBTAIN VIN FOR CAR
THAT LICENSE ISSUED TO AND ADVISE CLEVELAND.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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TELETYPE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (MAIL) AND
KANSAS CITY

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

[REDACTED]

ON APRIL TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, ANONYMOUS FEMALE CALLED AKRON, OHIO RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED SHE HAS COUSIN NAMED EARL K. RAY RESIDING MC PHEARSON, KANSAS. SHE STATED SHE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS COUSIN BUT KNOWS HE IS APPROXIMATE AGE OF JAMES EARL RAY. SHE STATED SHE KNOWS LITTLE OF HIS ACTIVITIES BUT HAS HEARD HE HAS SHADY BACKGROUND.

CALLER ALSO STATED SHE DOES NOT KNOW HER COUSIN'S SPECIFIC ADDRESS IN MC PHEARSON OTHER THAN HE MAINTAINS A POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER.

CALLER ALSO STATED SHE DOES NOT WANT HER COUSIN TO LEARN THIS INFORMATION CAME FROM A RELATIVE.

KANSAS CITY, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY EARL K. RAY, MC PHEARSON, KANSAS, AND DETERMINE IF HE COULD POSSIBLY BE IDENT WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)
RE: MURKIN

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau, ET AL, 4/25/68.

RE: ADVERTISING IN SUPERIOR BULK FILM COMPANY

In above referenced Cincinnati teletype, Cleveland was requested to identify JAMES RAY, 2490 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Investigation at 2490 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, reflected that it is a commercial office building housing approximately 20 companies with a total employ of approximately 300.

[REDACTED] Building Manager, advised that he was acquainted with employees of all companies with the exception of Washington National Insurance Company, Bankers Life Insurance Company and Ford Motor Credit Union and Master Builders. [REDACTED] advised that these would be the only companies occupying space in this building who might possibly have an employee by the name JAMES RAY.

[REDACTED] Washington Manager, Washington National Life, advised his office had no record of a present or former employee by the name of JAMES RAY.

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[REDACTED] Credit Manager, Ford Credit Company, advised that records of his employees for the past four years failed to reflect any JAMES RAY.

[REDACTED], Branch Secretary for Bankers Life Insurance, advised their records of employees back to 1960 failed to reflect any listing for a JAMES RAY.

[REDACTED] Assistant Director of Personnel, Master Builders, 2490 Lee Blvd., advised that they presently have an employee by the name of JAMES A. RAY. [REDACTED] stated that his DOB was [REDACTED]. She advised that his personnel records reflect he is a white male, 5'9", 149 lbs., brown hair balding, wears glasses. [REDACTED] advised that she is personally familiar with JAMES A. RAY, that he has been employed by Master Builders from 12/15/59, to present. She stated his position is Chief in the Petrographic Lab - Research. She stated that he presently resides at 1254 Gaynelle Avenue, Hudson, Ohio. PII

[REDACTED] along with [REDACTED] Director of Personnel, both advised that they have known JAMES A. RAY for a number of years and that he bears no resemblance whatsoever to subject in above captioned matter.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND RICHMOND
FROM CLEVELAND (44-565) 3P

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND APRIL TWENTYSIX INSTANT.

ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE BUREAU ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF FILE ON KING'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO HIS DEATH NOTED THREATS AGAINST KING WERE MADE, AND BY RADIOGRAM TO THE BUREAU, MARCH EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR, CLEVELAND FURNISHED INFORMATION FROM DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY SO, CANTON, OHIO, THAT ONE FRANK G. NILES HAD ASKED ROSS WHERE HE COULD OBTAIN A SNIPERS RIFLE. NILES ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED HE WOULD KILL KING IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION.

BUREAU AND RICHMOND ARE DIRECTED TO CASE ENTITLED, "FRANK H. NILES, AKA., BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ONE ZERO ONE, RICHMOND FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE TWO ONE SIX.

IT IS NOTED THAT ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, AUXILIARY
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DEPUTY SHERIFF CHARLES ROSS, STARK COUNTY SO, CANTON, OHIO, ADVISED THAT NILES HAD ON ONE OCCASION ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW WHERE HE COULD GET A SNIPERS RIFLE. ROSS STATED THAT NILES TOLD HIM THAT IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD PREVENT INTEGRATION HE WOULD KILL KING.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FRANK H. NILES IS THE INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IN BUREAU TELETYPE TO CLEVELAND THIS DATE.

IT IS NOTED THAT RICHMOND IS THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN CASE RE FRANK H. NILES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

BUREAU THIS DATE REQUESTED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE ASSAILANT, RICHMOND SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF NILES MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

BUREAU TELETYPE THIS DATE ALSO NOTED THAT MERRILL WILLIAMS, IN MAY SIXTYONE, HAD ADVISED THE CLEVELAND OFFICE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL FROM A FRIEND OF HIS WHO KNEW OF A PLOT TO KILL DOCTOR KING. MERRILL WILLIAMS, THREE THREE SEVEN ONE MILVERTON ROAD, SHAKER HEIGHTS ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE RECALLED CALLING THE FBI CONCERNING A WHITE MALE

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